



Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 012 S. 2020

AN ORDER PLACING THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND IMPLEMENTING STRINGENT SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES TO CONTROL AND LIMIT EXPOSURE OF THE PEOPLE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-2019).

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause provision of the Local Government Code provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines", as he considered the outbreak of Covid-19 an emergency that threatens national security;

WHEREAS, the WHO has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte upgraded the Code Alert System for Covid-19 to Code Red Sublevel 2 and placed Metro Manila under "community quarantine;"

WHEREAS, the Memorandum issued by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea for the "Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation" defined a "General Community Quarantine" as referring to a state where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work, and uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued an Order through a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020, directing all LGUs and other government instrumentalities to adopt, coordinate and implement the guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon effective 12 o'clock in the morning of 17 March 2020 until 12 o'clock in the morning of 13 April 2020;

WHEREAS, with the quick and alarming increase in infections and deaths caused by COVID-19 over the Philippines, it has become imperative for the City Government of Meycauayan to place the City under Enhanced Community Quarantine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the City Mayor of Meycauayan, do hereby issue this order placing the City of Meycauayan under **ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**. Such declaration shall be subject to the following conditions:

SECTION 1. Quarantine Period. The Enhanced Community Quarantine in the City of Meycauayan shall start from **March 17, 2020** and end on **April 13, 2020**.

The said period may be shortened or extended depending on the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 or upon the directives of the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. Restriction on Movement and Gatherings. Movement to and from the City of Meycauayan shall be restricted during the enhanced community quarantine period. A strict home quarantine shall be implemented on all residents of the City, and travel and movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities.

Tourist destinations in the City of Meycauayan are hereby closed temporarily during the said period.

The Meycauayan PNP, City Health Office (CHO), City Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) are hereby directed to set up check points at the following entry points to ensure compliance with this E.O.:

1. Barangay Bahay Pari;
2. Barangay Bagbaguin;
3. Barangay Lawa;

4. Barangay Bancal;
5. Barangay Pantoc boundary of Marilao;
6. Mc Arthur Highway Meycauayan and Marilao Boundary (Near Nazarenus Hospital)

All forms of social or mass gatherings in the City are also strictly prohibited. Sight in public, whether in open or closed spaces, of five (5) or more persons altogether, shall be immediately dispersed.

SECTION 3. Class Suspension. Classes and school activities in all levels shall be suspended until 14 April 2020 and shall resume on 15 April 2020. This period may be shortened or extended upon the directives of the President of the Philippines. School administrators, principal, and teachers shall devise alternative learning schemes for their students during the period of class suspension.

During these period, all public and private schools in all levels are advised to conduct disinfecting protocols of their respective schools.

SECTION 4. Restrictions on Government Facilities. The City Government of Meycauayan shall be implementing the “*work from home*” arrangement until the end of the enhanced community quarantine period. However, the following Departments shall ensure that they have the necessary skeletal work force:

1. City Health Department (CHO);
2. City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO);
3. City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO);
4. City Veterinarian’s Office (CVO);
5. City Economic Enterprise and Management Office (CEEMO);
6. City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO);
7. City Registrar’s Office;
8. City General Services Office (CGSO);
9. Meycauayan Traffic and Parking Bureau (MTPB); and
10. City Mayor’s Office (CMO).

Access to the City Hall shall be limited and controlled to enforce social distancing and protect all from COVID-19.

All Barangay Halls shall continue to be OPEN to cater to the needs of the people and to ensure that any announcements,

donations and relief goods coming from the City or the National Government shall be immediately disseminated and/or delivered to the people in their respective jurisdictions. As such, the Barangay Captains are instructed to make themselves available to the people at all times.

The operation of the Meycauayan Common Terminal is likewise suspended until further notice.

The City Human Resource Management Officer shall implement guidelines and other working schemes in order to guide the government in the delivery of essential services, and shall likewise coordinate such work schemes with the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

During the quarantine period, the following government-run facilities will also be closed:

1. Polytechnic College of the City of Meycauayan;
2. All Public Schools within the City of Meycauayan;
3. Covered Courts;
4. Playgrounds;
5. Multi-purpose Halls;
6. Meycauayan Convention Center; and
7. Such other government-run facilities where social/mass gatherings may be conducted.

SECTION 5. Restrictions on Private Facilities.

Only the following private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production shall be allowed to open:

1. Public markets;
2. Supermarkets;
3. Groceries;
4. Convenience stores;
5. Hospitals;
6. Medical clinics;
7. Pharmacies and drug stores;
8. Food preparation and delivery services;
9. Water refilling stations;
10. Manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines;

11. Banks;
12. Money transfer services;
13. Power and energy supplies and facilities;
14. Water supplies and facilities; and
15. Telecommunications facilities.

Restaurants are only allowed to operate for **take-out and delivery orders only**.

In all such open establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adoption of strict skeletal workforce to support operations, as well as, implement strict social distancing measures and that adequate transportation is provided to their workers.

These establishments shall practice screening of customers prior to entry (i.e. temperature checking), provide alcohols or sanitizers on all entry points, ensure soap availability and water supply in restrooms, and ensure that all business front liners use masks and gloves, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases. They are also advised to conduct periodic disinfection of their premises.

SECTION 6. Limited Transportation.

For purposes of the foregoing, transit to and from the above establishments anywhere within the area covered by the enhanced community quarantine shall be allowed. Security personnel of the establishments within the quarantine area are likewise allowed to travel therein.

Travel will be strictly monitored, and **no public utility vehicles will be allowed to ply the routes of Meycauayan for the duration of the quarantine period.**

Private vehicles of persons exempted from the coverage of the enhanced community quarantine shall implement social distancing and follow the guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Vehicles transporting basic necessities such as food supplies and medicines shall be allowed. Accompanying crew

or personnel of transiting cargoes shall be limited to one (1) person, unless a new directive from the DOTr requires otherwise.

Free transportation for the City's front liners and health workers are readily available for their use.

SECTION 7. City-Wide Curfew. The City shall implement curfew hours for ALL within its territorial jurisdiction which shall be from **8:00 P.M.** until **5:00 A.M.**. Violators of the curfew shall be dealt with accordingly. However, the following are exempted from the city-wide curfew:

1. Health workers who have legitimate duties outside of their homes;
2. Authorized government officials;
3. Those who are travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
4. Those who are providing basic services and public utilities;
5. Those who are delivering food and medicines; and
6. Essential skeletal workforce of the City Government of Meycauayan.

Section 8. Enforcement. The following government agencies are hereby directed to strictly enforce this Executive Order:

1. Philippine National Police of the City of Meycauayan;
2. Meycauayan Traffic Management Bureau;
3. CDRRMO;
4. City Health Office;
5. Business Permits and Licensing Office; and
6. Barangay Officials.

Failure to abide by the foregoing guidelines and measures shall be meted with appropriate action, both criminal and administrative, in accordance with relevant laws, ordinances, and regulations. The PNP of Meycauayan and the Office of the City Prosecutor shall initiate appropriate charges as may be warranted.

The Business Permit of any establishment which violates this Executive Order shall also be revoked.

The foregoing restrictions shall be regularly evaluated by the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19, City Health Office, and CDRRMO.

The City Information and Community Relations Office, in cooperation with the City Health Office, is tasked to provide timely and relevant information on developments and new issuances in relation to the City's status with COVID-19. Information dissemination shall also be the responsibility of the Barangay Captains.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. All Executive Orders, memoranda, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectively Clause. This E.O. shall be effective starting 12:00 A.M. of March 18, 2020.

Done this 17th of March 2020, at the City of Meycauayan, Bulacan.


LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
City Mayor